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PINE TREE NOTES



GFWC Maine Newsletter
November / December 2013



Volunteer Stewards...Joyfully Serving and Giving to Others



President's Letter

Anne Cress

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I hope you have enjoyed the beautiful colors of autumn and pleasant warm days. Now with the chill in the air, we all know the snow is sure to follow before we know it! Get your boots ready to wear!!

It was a pleasure to see so many of our clubwomen at the GFWC New England Region Conference held in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire in September. We had twenty-seven representatives from our great state! It was nice to see our friends from around New England and form new friendships. GFWC Maine was very proud to introduce Roberta Morrill as our Jennie Award winner. Roberta epitomizes the ideal of a GFWC clubwoman, and all around good citizen. Congratulations, Roberta!! You are a gem!! It was also a pleasure to introduce Marjorie Goodwin and Nancy Ames as they

presented, "The Heart Truth Campaign". This segment about cardiovascular risks and disease was deemed one of the highlights of the Conference. Another highlight was an interactive platform workshop presented by the Communications, Public Relations, Membership and Leadership Chairmen from our GFWC New England Region. Two of our GFWC Maine ladies, Kathy White, GFWC Communications and Public Relations Committee member, and GFWC Maine Membership Chairman, Carol Jarvais, participated in this fantastic presentation, "The Soul Sisters Serenity Spa". It was a joy to watch, and listen at the same time to valuable information imparted to us by our Chairmen. Well done, ladies!. Mary-Kate Mahoney, a sixth grader from Melrose, Massachusetts was a delightful and engaging speaker. This child is one to watch as she grows to become a leader of this nation! Mary-Kate is currently the president of the, "Girls for a Greater Good" Juniorette Club in Melrose. Mary-Kate plans to be a pediatric dentist **and** President of the USA! I believe this is a good

possibility! Please see the photos of this Conference in this issue of the Pine Tree Notes.

The GFWC Maine Fall Conference held in Orono at the Black Bear Inn October 17th and 18th was deemed to be a huge success by all the attendees! Thank-you to the members of our great organization who came or participated in this Conference. It was an event to remember! The mini-seminar on LEADS (Leadership, Education and Development Seminar) was wonderful! Thank-you to Joyce Noonan, our GFWC Maine LEADS Ambassador 2013, and Raejean Hersey, our GFWC Maine Leadership Chairman, our LEADS graduates from years past, and our LEADS Club delegates for putting this mini-seminar together. It was an honor and pleasure to have Judy Maguire, our GFWC New England Region President, with us for this Fall Conference. Judy is remarkable, a wonderful speaker, and a very gracious lady! We are all fortunate to have her as our GFWC NER President!! Entertainment was provided at our banquet by Danny Baker, a

crackerjack magician! He was enjoyed by all who had the chance to see his act.

This fall, your President has had the opportunity to visit the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club, the Patten Woman's Club, the GFWC Lubec Woman's Club, The Patawa Club and the 100th Anniversary of the GFWC Research Club of Limerick. Speaking of which, CONGRATULATIONS on your 100th Anniversary, Research Club!!! You are an incredible group of GFWC Maine clubwomen! I'm sure all of us from around the state wish you many years of continued success while serving your fellow man! I will be visiting the GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club, The 21 Club of Kezar Falls, and GFWC The Dove Society after the first of the year. Thank-you to all the Clubs who have so graciously invited me to join them during this administration!

In closing, I wish you all a very happy and plentiful Thanksgiving, filled with many blessings that will continue on throughout the Christmas season. May God Bless YOU, for all you do for others!

Yours in Federation Love,

Anne H. Cress
GFWC Maine State President
2012-2014



President-Elect

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"Time waits for no man" or woman, as the saying goes. Can you believe that it is time to turn the clocks back! The holidays are almost upon us and I hope that friends and family will make them most enjoyable for you. Forget the diets and enjoy! Two food holidays, a month apart, can create stress beyond measure if we do not allow ourselves to partake of the tasty treats of the Season.

Our Fall Conference is now behind us. It was a most informative and fun session. The presentation on LEADS was inspiring and I hope that I will receive many applications before the November 15th deadline. Being a LEADS participant brings out the best there is in us. We can all be leaders but sometimes need a little prompting to take that first step. Take that step and have two members write a letter of recommendation for you to enclose with your application. The application is on the GFWC Maine website and is very easy to download. The next GFWC International Convention will be held in Chandler, Arizona on June 21-24, 2014. The seminar for Leadership, Education and Development will be held the day prior to the official opening of the Convention on June 20, 2014. I will announce the name of the LEADS participant at our Spring Convention.

It has been a busy Fall. The New England Region Conference in Hampton Beach, NH was well attended by Maine clubwomen. What a great time we had! Then our own Fall Conference in Orono

was this past month and many Maine clubwomen attended. In two weeks, I will be attending the session in Arlington VA for further leadership training. I will be touring the GFWC Headquarters while I am there.

I am busy planning my administration and I appreciate the support I have had in filling positions and appointments. I still have a few "open" spots, so if you are interested in being a part of the GFWC Maine 2014-2016 administration, please contact me to see if there is an opening you might like to fill. I have learned so much from all of you and look forward to serving with you in the days, months and years ahead.

A friend of mine sent me the following "statement" and I want to share it with you. "Life is like a camera, just focus on what's important and capture the good times, develop from the negatives and if things don't turn out, just take another shot!" (Her father was a photographer, by the way.) I think that was good advice, don't you?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to each of you,

Marjorie Goodwin
President-elect



Vice President

Mary K. Libby
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It has been a busy Fall for Maine club women. Many GFWC Maine ladies attended the New England Region Conference held at

Hampton Beach, NH in September. The highlight for me was when Westbrook's own Roberta Morrill was named the Jennie Award winner from Maine. It was so inspiring to hear President Anne Cress read of Roberta's gifts of time, effort and inspiration to those around her.

One of the responsibilities of the vice president is to become an expert in club reporting ! This would seem to be not too difficult, however, every year there is just a little or big change in the reporting process. There have been a few changes this year. The biggest change is the look of the forms and State Chairmen will write their own narratives.

Folders were prepared for each club president and committee chairman. They were handed out at the state conference in October. You will be receiving information on report writing in a few weeks. I am sorry I could not be there to present the workshop I intended. I know that President-Elect Marge Goodwin did a wonderful job.

On October 26, the Research Club of Limerick held a fabulous anniversary party. Listening to the club's history as read by Sally Manchester was a reminder that even though some things have

changed within our clubs what has always stayed the same is the spirit and hard word of women who made a change in their communities.

As we quickly approach the holiday season I would like to share what I am thankful for. I

was unable to attend the conference because I had the shingles. No, I didn't get the shot - get one !

They hurt and most awful of all they look horrible ! No, I'm not grateful for having the shingles, but I am grateful for the women of GFWCMaine. Thank you all for your cards, notes and prayers. It just means so much. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Have a wonderful holiday season.

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It's that time of year again. Club dues are due to GFWC Maine for your membership in both GFWC and GFWC Maine. Dues are \$21 per member.

I would ask all Club Treasurers to send dues AFTER December 5th, and to send them to my Florida address, which is Gloria Leveillee, 726 Stokely Lane, Lakeland, Florida 33803.

There was quite a bit of confusion last year as the mail tried to keep up with me. So if you want to be sure that your dues get to me in a

timely fashion, mail them after December 5th but before the due date of December 31st to the Florida address listed above and in your directory.

I wish you all a great holiday season, and a great start to the New Year!

Gloria Leveillee
GFWC Maine Treasurer

Corresponding Secretary



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If you have not ordered a copy of the directory yet, there are still a few copies left. It is important to note that there are three Executive Committee members with new address/contact info this year.

The next deadline for the Pine Tree Notes is January 4th.

I still get Pine Tree Notes submissions in many styles and formats. Please use:

Times New Roman font
No Bold
Font size 12
Single spaced

Hope everyone's holidays are blessed.

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CLUB NEWS

District 1

Glorious fall everyone!! It has been an exciting one. **The GFWC Research Club of Limerick** celebrated their 100th anniversary as a woman's club on October 26, 2013 with many clubs from around the state present to share in their wonderful milestone. The club was started in September of 1913 and joined the federation in May of 1914. GFWC Maine President Anne was there as well as 15 GFWC Research Club Past Club Presidents and all the state officers. It was a great day.

The club started its fall season with their annual Pot Luck Supper in September. Good food, good friends and talk about upcoming plans.

Also in September two of our club members attended GFWC/NER Conference in Hampton Beach, New Hampshire. In October, six of our members attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference in Orono. Two new club members gained great knowledge and a new perspective of GFWC.

The program for October was "Follow the Guiding Stars" with a licensed dietician from Hannaford who gave them outstanding information about that program.

November's meeting will bring them the history of tea, presented by the owner of The Clipper Merchant Tea House in Limerick. They also have fundraising plans for a pie sale to be ready for

Thanksgiving and are in preparation for their annual tree lighting, carol sing, cookies and cocoa event the first Saturday of December. The annual Red Bow Project will be supporting "Wounded Heroes of Maine".

The GFWC Westbrook Woman's Club has had the great honor of having Roberta Dutton Morrill chosen as the state nominee for the Jennie June award. This is special event in the life of any club and they are fortunate to have her as a sister and friend.

Since summer and a new year have begun, they have had a welcome back luncheon Susan Gay R.D. as speaker from Hannaford who presented a program on Nutrition and the guiding stars. They also have had a slide show about the Cumberland and Oxford Canal by Joel Eastman. It was very interesting to see how cargo was moved in years gone by.

Five members went to New England Region Conference and six members attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference. They are getting ready to have their highly successful annual Lobster Roll fundraiser in November.

The GFWC Gorham Woman's Club started the fall program with an informative presentation by District President Sally Manchester regarding osteoporosis, remind the group that staying active (among other things) was good for bone health as we age.

Club President, Wendy Bowler, attended the New England Region Conference in New Hampshire and assisted with the Maine fundraising table in the Marketplace.

Three club members attended the Maine Fall Conference. The club had a table at the marketplace in Orono and sold tatted stationary and rubber band bracelets in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness and Heart Health.

In October the club had their open house and potluck luncheon. Activities for the meeting emphasized keeping the brain healthy with many challenging games. Four members were able to attend the 100th celebration of the Limerick Research Club, which was an enjoyable event.

In November, the GFWC Gorham Woman's Club will be continuing their fund raising efforts at a local craft fair. The club is also planning to volunteer with the Operation Tribute program wrapping presents that will be sent to children of military parents.

Other District One clubs have been busy with fall and Christmas activities. Look for a report in the next issue.

District 2

The District Two "Sleepers in September" project benefiting Newborns in Need was a huge success with all five clubs from District Two donating 80 sleepers valued at \$762.99, other items (homemade bunting, hats,

sweaters, and blanket) valued at \$50, and cash donations of \$112.50. Thank you District Two!!!!

GFWC/Livermore Falls

Women's Club. The yearly yard and bake sale was held September 6-7 raising \$547. A good time was had by all of our volunteers. The first meeting of the season was held September 26 at LaFleurs Restaurant with guest speaker Eileen Miazga, Director of Adult Education. Three girls from our local high school were delegates at the Maine Youth Leadership Conference, and each gave a presentation of their experience. "Sleepers in September" for Newborns in Need were collected (23 sleepers and other items valued at \$301.86). The October membership meeting was held at the local Baptist Church with a luncheon consisting of delicious homemade soups, salads and desserts. One new member was recruited and one is still considering. Six of our club members attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's

Club. The club ended summer with a bang! Once again the concession table at the concerts in the park was a big success, bringing in almost \$500, but more importantly, bringing members together every week to enjoy the concerts and one another's company. Members were also busy during the month of August selling the "Shore Dinner" raffle tickets to raise money for the Skowhegan Community Action for Children. (The GFWC

Skowhegan Woman's Club initiated "The Skowhegan Community Action for Children" - a board with local pastors, Kennebec Valley Community Action Program and the community in a volunteer, non-faith based effort to fund a desperate need for more affordable preschool). The drawing was held at the last Sunday concert in the park. The winner was Jackie Libby from Smithfield. On Labor Day, President Joyce Noonan and her husband Paul cooked and delivered four lobsters, steamed clams, corn on the cob, rolls, butter and dessert, along with bibs and napkins to Jackie. The raffle was a big success helping the club raise \$853. September was finally here! President Anne Cress, Minnie McCormick, along with District 2 Presidents Davida Barter and Tina Anzelc, visited the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club for the Newborns in Need, Sleepers in September, District 2 Project. Twenty-two sleepers were donated by members plus \$20 in cash bringing the total value to \$246. President Joyce reported on her L.E.A.D.S. experience and GFWC International Convention and thanked the club for their supports. Clubs were encouraged to make themselves and the work they do known through social media. President Joyce announced that the club now has a Facebook page. It was announced that Crystal Tufts would represent the club at the Fall Conference's Mini - LEADS. President Joyce and Leadership Chairman Rae Jean Hersey are chairing the Mini-L.E.A.D.S. Members were

encouraged to attend GFWC Maine Fall Conference. Marge Coburn Black and Billie Sherman reported members have been working on many new items for the conference market place. The club is having a membership contest. The winner will have their lunch paid for by the club for 10 meetings. To enter, bring a guest, win one ticket, and if the guest joins win four tickets plus one for the new member. In May a drawing will be held to determine the winner. At the October meeting guests Nicole Chaplin and Anne Marie Lieberman were presented with a check for \$1,000 for the Skowhegan Community Action for Children. Guest Diane Culleton gave a talk on the Evolution of the American Flag. Mrs. Culleton had a miniature of each of the flags and gave a history of each. Members enjoyed this learning experience. Members were invited, along with members from GFWC Semper Fidelis Club and GFWC The Dove Society, to attend a special night at the Skowhegan Library to view the renovations to date. It was exciting to see what had been done because the three clubs worked hard to raise \$10,000 toward these renovations. A bonus was in store for two of the clubs when we reached the mezzanine, which is still closed to the public. There on a shelf in the corner were boxes and scrapbooks marked; Skowhegan Woman's Club; Semper Fidelis; and the Sorosis Club. Needless to say, our club historian and this president were quite excited. To mark October being Domestic Violence Awareness Month,

members tied 16 large bows on the bridge entering town and also placed a bow on the gate to Coburn Park. Two members attended the Speak Out [against Domestic Violence] held at the municipal building. The GFWC Maine Fall Conference was well attended by the GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club with eight attending and five participating in the Mini-LEADS. Way To Go Ladies! Three members attended the GFWC Research Club of Limerick's 100th Anniversary celebration.

The **GFWC Semper Fidelis Club** year started with a banquet at the Heritage House in Skowhegan. The club recently finished up their largest fundraiser of the year, the Community Birthday Calendar with estimated profits of \$1,600, and is now selling poinsettias, Innisbrook, and artwork by Richard Anzalc of the historic Skowhegan Indian for its restoration. The club participated in District 2's "Sleepers in September" project donating 19 sleepers and \$80. For Domestic Violence Awareness in October, purple ribbons were distributed to all members, three members participated in the "Speak Out" [against Domestic Violence], and at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference, a donation of \$500 was made to the GFWC DV Survivor Scholarship Fund from funds raised by selling purple scarves. The Skowhegan Free Public Library hosted an appreciation reception to the GFWC Skowhegan Three for our donation of \$10,000. For November and Veterans Day, the club is promoting the GFWC

"Sew Much Comfort" project by donating boxer shorts for wounded veterans. One member attended the GFWC International Convention in Hollywood, Florida, two members attended the GFWC New England Region Conference at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire at which Nancy Ames gave a presentation on Heart Health, three members attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference at the Black Bear Inn with Nancy Ames and Maureen Provencal participating in the LEADS mini-seminar, and two members attended the 100th Anniversary of the Limerick Women's Club.

GFWC Waldoboro Woman's Club In September, the club enjoyed getting back together and planning for the new year. In October, the speaker was from the "Greens" a group of assisted living centers in the Mid-Coast for lower income residents set up by Dr. Chip Teal. It included an explanation of his work with monitoring residents in their homes to allow patients to remain in their homes. The club also supported a young woman who lives in New Mexico who lost her husband in an ATV accident while looking for the origins of a forest fire and wishes to return to Maine. The "Breakfast Babes" held a breakfast at the home of a member and \$175 was raised and additional monies were raised at our meeting. The club started a fund for the benefit of its own members who may be in need of small funds to help them out over hard times. In November, the club is having the Bake Sale at the polls and looking forward to have

a member and a local historian speak about Waldoboro Dishes. The best news of all is that the club has FIVE new members! We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and a good and safe holiday season.

District 3

The **Patawa Club** of Bangor started off the year in September with a welcome back social held at the Cohen school library where many of the members brought food and drinks and they discussed the year's event planning regarding this year's theme of "Hunger." In October, they had a guest speaker, Melissa Huston from the Good Shepherd Food bank. They also discussed the Annual Wine Tasting where it was decided to change things up a bit. It will be held on November 2nd and is titled, "A Battle Against Hunger." People who attend will choose which organization they prefer to donate to - Good Shepherd vs. The Bangor Humane Society. 50% of the proceeds will go to the winner, 25% to second place and the remainder 25% to Patawa to donate back into the community at the end of the year. Everyone is very excited for this event as it is one of the biggest fundraiser's with a twist!

The **GFWC Dexter Women's Literary Club** annual membership social and secret auction was held in August. 9 members and 1 guest were present. Everyone enjoyed socializing and raising money for this fundraiser. The one guest present even donated \$100 to the

club! September's meeting was getting back to basics with members going over the new club programs and tri-fold brochures and discussing future fundraisers. The guest speaker was District 3 President, Libby Wiers. She spoke about GFWC and the importance of district meetings. On October 4th, the club held their annual baked bean supper and bake sale. It was a huge success, with the club taking in \$423 (almost \$100 more than last year). At the October meeting, members went over the details of their upcoming bake sale at the polls. 4 members and 1 guest attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference. The club sold 43 green and purple grocery tote bags, raising \$129! The club received a certificate from GFWC NER President Judy Maguire for its 120th anniversary last year, and club member, Jane Gilbert, also received a third century certificate for the ESO reading program...congratulations Jane!

Since the start of the club year in mid-September, **GFWC Cosmopolitan Club** members have been busy with several projects. The first gathering was an informal brown bag lunch which included a lot of catching up with summertime comings and goings. One meeting included a workshop to create "Grannie's Toys" for Mayo Regional Hospital. Twelve sketch books with crayon packets were completed at the meeting, with another 3 dozen brought in at the following meeting. Something rather unique for this club was everyone taking part in carving out a rather rotund pumpkin and

creating a jack-o-lantern. Not only was it a fun time working together, it continued even after the meeting! Four members headed to one of the local assisted living facilities and presented it to add to their fall decorations. This group received a very warm welcome from one of the residents and several staff members.

The **GFWC/MIOSAC Club** of Dover-Foxcroft began its 2013-2014 year with the Club's Annual Friends Together "Souper Supper" on October 1st. Members met and enjoyed a meal of soup, bread and dessert, all lovingly prepared by members of the Club's Advisory Committee. Members are encouraged to bring a friend, and as a result, the MIOSAC Club now has four new members! Club member and GFWC Maine State President Anne Cress was the speaker for the meeting, about the "Benefits of Belonging to the General Federation of Women's Clubs". The MIOSAC Club was well represented at the GFWC Maine Fall Conference in Orono. In addition to GFWC Maine State President Anne Cress, four members attended on Thursday, while seven members attended on Friday. The Club received a certificate recognizing its seventy-five years of existence and service from Judith Maguire, GFWC-NER President 2012-2014. Club members are looking forward to many interesting programs and projects during the 2013-2014 year.

The **GFWC/Outlook Club** began the club year at the October meeting with a potluck supper at the home of Marianne Fasse with 10 members and 1 guest present.

Plans for the year discussed, well-wishes sent to absent members and reminiscences about the latest member to move away, Ida Briggs, who has gone to Connecticut to be nearer to family.

The **GFWC Newport Woman's Club** is off and running with the start of a new club year. Membership was the focus of the September meeting. Domestic Violence Awareness was again brought before the membership in October when a speaker from Womancare in Dover-Foxcroft shared information of signs to be aware of in relationships. The club's program calendar is full of varied speakers and activities which they hope will bring new faces to the club. "Sparkle" is keeping several members busy as they prepare for the Annual Fund Raiser sponsored by the Sebec Valley Chamber of Commerce. Club members sell ads, gather items for a silent as well as a live auction, bake cookies, and sell tickets to the event. The GFWC Newport Woman's Club has participated in this event for the past several years and it has been their most lucrative fund raiser. Four club members recently attended the GFWC Maine Fall Conference at the Black Bear Inn in Orono. The scheduled speaker for the November meeting is Andrew Dyer, MYL (Maine Youth Leadership) Candidate from Nokomis regional High School. The **Pittsfield ARTS (Always Ready to Serve) Club** started out their summer by baking goodies for a food sale held by the Pittsfield Historical Society the day of the Central Maine Egg

Festival. The historical society is their community Improvement project this year. August started out with club members gathering items for a yard sale on August 24th. Many worthwhile items were donated and the club raised almost \$700 for this fundraiser. The first meeting in the fall (September) had club members enjoying nice pot luck at the home of honorary member Carol Ouellette. At this meeting club members planned a meal for the upcoming Welcome table (free meal held at a local church) on Friday September 20th. The October meeting will have a guest speaker from the Heart of Pittsfield committee. This group came together to make Pittsfield a better place to live. The club will help them by making treat bags and bake goodies for an event on October 26th which will include free movies at the town's theater, an annual pumpkin fest, a 5-K race, and a music show in the evening. It is looking like the club will have a very busy fall.

District 4

Whew!!! What a fun and busy, busy summer! The **Castine Woman's Club** wrapped up its summer activities and fundraisers with a bake sale for the inaugural BikeMaine Ride. Club members cheered on the bicyclists and oriented them to Castine as they rolled into town for their overnight stop at Fort George.

In October, the Club kicked off its 2013-2014 membership year with its annual fall luncheon. Held this year at the Wilson Museum in continued celebration of CWC's 100th anniversary, members and

invited guests from local organizations enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by MarKel's Bakehouse. Tea was served in CWC's silver tea service. The Club's wonderful historian, Sharon Biggie, provided a summary of the Club's founding and important events in the Club's 100-year history which was shared at the special birthday celebration.

CWC is pleased to be back at the beautifully renovated Town Hall for meetings. November events included an Election Day Bake Sale and a talk by architect John Gordon on Sustainable Design. In December, members will share in the holiday spirit through the making of swags and centerpieces from native greens.

The Club wishes everyone safe and happy days throughout the holiday season.

The **Lubec Woman's Club's** new year got off to a wonderful start in early October with a visit from State President, Anne Cress and New Borns in Need Chairperson, Minnie McCormick. Their presentations on the importance of GFWC and New Borns in Need were interesting, inspirational and a great way to "kick-off" the year.

Later in October, our newest scholarship effort was launched when EMT Renee Gray spoke to our local 8th grade about the requirements and rewards of her career in emergency medicine. Ms. Gray's appearance was part of our new "Cash 4 Careers" program, conceived of and organized by member Julia Brady,

which will deposit \$100.00 in trust for each graduating 8th grader, the funds to be released upon graduation from high school for use toward whatever expenses are involved in the post-secondary program of their choice. While they are still in 8th grade the students will hear from a variety of professionals and will be encouraged to begin thinking about long-term aspirations. The program has been enthusiastically received by members of the local community as well as the school community and is financially supported by local businesses and organizations.

Later this month we will hold our annual Turkey Raffle, always a good fund-raiser for our scholarship fund, and we will take a few moments to be truly grateful for the many blessings we enjoy. In December we will treat ourselves to a cookie swap while we gather donations for the local food bank.

Best wishes to all for wonderful holidays and a happy, healthy, productive new year.

The **GFWC Narraguagas Women's Club** visited the Henry D. Moore Library in Steuben in October. Members were given a tour of the library and each room was explained as they progressed on the tour. The members enjoyed the display of a local high school student's art work. Refreshments and business meeting followed at the home of Pat Treworgy.

Club members were able to donate generously toward their goal of 100 hats and mittens to the annual Meet and Greet Santa event sponsored each year by the Milbridge Fire Department Women's Auxiliary

Club members donated to purchase the Christmas bags for the annual Christmas Gift Shop at the local elementary schools.

At the November meeting, members will be watching a slide show about Plymouth Plantation. Members who wish to participate on the Special Needs Children Wish List, in conjunction with Washington County Children's Program were able to take the wish list of a child.

Barbara Kneeland will host the Christmas Luncheon Potluck.

Community Improvement Contest

Please use the Community Improvement Program Award entry form/cover sheet 2012-2014 found in your GFWC Club Manual in the section under awards, contests and grants. Projects being submitted must be accomplished during the program period. January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 and all the directions must be followed.

Entries are to be sent to Pat Treworgy, PO BOX 41, Milbridge, ME 04658 and postmarked no later than March 1, 2014. Best wished on your projects.

Pat Treworgy
Chairman

HOME LIFE

The GFWC Home Life Community Service Program has a rich history of solving problems in the community with a "hands on" approach. This section of Home Life has no connections with other established organizations so.....we're on our own to create anew.

Every chairman pleads for narrative reports when club reports are filed in January, narrative reports that tell not only WHAT you are doing, but HOW you are doing it. The narrative doesn't have to be lengthy, but only enough information so the reader has all the "nuts and bolts" necessary to borrow from your club's idea if they so choose.

An example of one of the top projects for 2012:

"Chair-ity for children" had club members collect wooden chairs to have available for artists to decorate. Finished chairs were displayed for a month in a prominent location in town. Next, a reception was held for businesses and artists, where businesses selected chairs to be placed at their business during the next month for silent bidding by the community.

You can see there is enough information here to pique your interest, tweak the project to fit your club and bring a fresh idea to your community.

Again this year GFWC will recognize one outstanding project from each state with a \$50 award. Your narrative report needs to be filed when your club does its reporting. Successful projects may be featured in a future GFWC Handbook.

Gerry Richardson
Home Life Chairman

MEMBERSHIP

This Membership Chair is reporting that she has just returned from one of the best, if not the best, GFWC Maine Fall Conferences ever!! If you were in attendance you have to be as excited as I am. There was energy everywhere and it can't help but be passed on to all the members of all our clubs. The mini LEADS presentation was super and I am sure it has generated a lot of interest for members to apply to attend the GFWC LEADS seminar in 2014. Our Maine women also gave super presentations at New England Region conference. I am so proud of my Federation sisters. Maine Women Rock!!

This being November, my mind wanders to all the delicious food we will soon be preparing for our Thanksgiving feast. I want to share with you this piece I found about "taters".

Which Tater Person Are You?

Some people never seem motivated to participate, but are just content to watch while others do all the work. They are called "Speck Taters".

Some people never do anything to help, but are gifted at finding fault with the way others do the work. They are called "Comment Taters".

Some people are very bossy and like to tell others what to do, but don't want to soil their own hands. They are called "Dick Taters".

Some people are always looking to cause problems by asking others to agree with them. It is too hot or too cold, too sour or too sweet. They are called "Agie Taters".

There are those who say they will help, but somehow just never get around to actually doing what they promised. They are called "Hezzie Taters".

Some people can put up a front and pretend to be someone they are not. They are called "Emma Taters".

Then there are those who love others and do what they say they will. They are always prepared to stop whatever they are doing and lend a helping hand. They bring real sunshine into the lives of others. They are called "Sweet Taters".

My hope for you and your clubs this holiday season is that your lives are full of "Sweet Taters".

Happy Holidays!
Carol Jarvais
Membership Chair

PRESIDENT'S PROJECT

Newborns in Need

Hello all. It was nice to see some of you at fall conference. I thought it was very nice and I enjoyed the skits and member participation.

I have finally gotten the donated items inventoried. As I was taking things out of the bags, I was amazed at the generosity of club women. I thought aloud to myself how wonderful everything was. Anne finally found me and we "aahed" together.

We received monetary donations of \$282.75 including the \$110.25 from the change jars at Wills Shop and Save in Dover-Foxcroft.

I thank the following clubs and members.

GFWC Skowhegan Woman's Club and GFWC/Semper Fidelis	
	\$100.00
GFWC Lubec members Nancy Begley, Ruta Jordan, Jean Bookman, Noni MacBride	
GFWC Waldoboro Woman's Club	12.50
GFWC/Miosac Club Brenda Quiet Pledge	20.00
Will's Shop and Save Dover-Foxcroft	110.25
Total	\$282.75

IN KIND DONATIONS

GFWC/Livermore Falls Woman's Club	\$240.00
GFWC/Newport Woman's Club	\$105.00

GFWC/Waldoboro Club	Woman's \$159.50
GFWC/Pittsfield Club	Arts \$218.00
GFWC/Castine Woman's Club	\$239.00
GFWC/Dexter Woman's Literary club	\$ 31.00
GFWC/Miosac Club	\$ 69.00
NER President Judy Maguire	\$ 74.00
PATAWA Items not listed so I could not assess the value	
Total	\$1141.50

The memorial donations for GFWC/Miosac member Barbara Glover have reached \$1425.00 from near and far. What a tribute to Barbara!. Her little knitted items will be missed but I know some woman out there will pick up and carry on.

The club women of Maine have certainly shown their generosity. Anne and I thank you all from the bottom of our hearts. There is still time to send in your pledge cards. They are due April 30, 2014.

Have a safe and warm winter and a very, Merry Christmas. I look forward to seeing you in the spring.

Yours in federation,
Minnie McCormick
President's Project Chairman

MaineYouth Leadership
www.maineyouthleadership.org
Leadership – Volunteerism – Character

The Maine Youth Leadership selection process has begun with

nomination materials having been sent to high schools across our great State of Maine. Tenth graders (sophomores) are eligible for selection to attend the four-day seminar held this Spring, May 29 to June 1, 2014.

"I would like to thank you for making MYL a possible experience for me and a hundred other sophomores. It has been an absolutely incredible opportunity; I've learned many important lessons about leadership, acquired new skills and values, and made many new friends. I understand that this experience would not have been possible without your support, and I sincerely hope your support continues so that future students can learn and grown as I have this weekend."
Ambassador 2013

The above quote says it all. Let's support the next seminar as generously as we have in the past.

A full scholarship is \$250, but any amount given is greatly appreciated. Contributions and questions may be directed to: Gloria Tewhey, MYL Chairman, 3 Valley View Dr., Gorham, ME 04038 (207)839-4157 or gtewhey@maine.rr.com

DELEGATES FUND

The raffle at Fall Conference was very successful. Many jewelry items and evening bags were available for the raffle which netted \$212. Special thanks go to Marjorie Goodwin and Sheri Walsh for the items they donated and to all who participated.

Start saving for our next raffle. Mary Libby has donated a diamond necklace. That should make for an interesting raffle. Thank you, Mary.

Please send donations for the Delegate's Fund to me at 24 Weir Lane, Lubec, ME 04652,

Juanita Pressley
Chairman

ESO

How exciting to present awards as the Fall Conference. This is always done at the Spring Conference.

Six members have completed their pledges and received ESO membership certificates and pins.

Congratulations to Marjorie Coburn Black, Linda Burdo, Meredith Dalessandro, Jackie Deschaines, Janice Pratt and Ruth Gammon.

Our shining star and top reader, Jane Gilbert was awarded a certificate for achieving her THIRD CENTURY Certificate.

Special recognition was given to Muriel Bowerman for thinking outside the box and starting an ESO Book and Breakfast Club.

These ladies have made this ESO chairman very proud and happy.

YOU too can participate in this program..contact me at [207-474-2631](tel:207-474-2631) or 297-431-0398
PO Box 6, Skowhegan 04976 or maxphil2002@yahoo.com

PUBLIC RELATIONS & WEBSITE

What a fun and wonderful Fall Conference! It's time to update the GFWC Maine website with photos from Fall Conference and of club activities and fundraisers, so please send your best photos to me at ljgneal@gmail.com. Don't forget to put a small caption with the photo along with the name of your club. Also, the website now has an "Upcoming Events" section, so when you send your club's fundraising or event listing to the local papers, please send that to me as well and it will be included on the website.

GFWC is re-designing their website, and club members are invited to complete a survey to help them assess it. Your feedback is invaluable...let them know what you like, dislike, and rate the overall ease-of-use, appearance, and content, as well as what new features you would like to see and content you feel is missing. All survey participants will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 American Express gift card! Take the Website Redesign Survey which can be found on the GFWC website (www.gfwc.org) and help shape GFWC's new website today.

Laura Neal, Chairman
GFWC Maine Public Relations Website

JENNIE AWARD OF MAINE 2013

Ted Williams – outstanding hitter of the baseball
Rosa Parks – outstanding courage

Clara Barton – outstanding nurse
 Roberta Dutton Morrill –
 outstanding community leader

Since high School Roberta has
 received recognition for efforts to
 improve the lives of others.
 Though leadership and
 participation :

Dirigo Girls State
 Univ of Maine Student
 government



Maine Delegation at Fall Conference
 Black Bear Inn, Orono

Rainbow girls and Order of the
 Eastern Star
 Walker Memorial Restoration
 Committee
 Westbrook Historical Society
 Catherine Sullivan Award
 DARE teacher of the year
 Outstanding Adult education
 Award
 The County Leadership award

In 2009 the Teacher of the Year,
 Gloria Noyes, wrote that Roberta
 was a” teacher who changed my



Roberta Morrill of Westbrook Women's Club
 recognized as Maine's Jennie June Winner
 at NER Conference

Life”

But I would bet her favorite roll is
 Grandmother of 13 and Great-
 Grandmother of 6.

It is my pleasure to present –
 Maine’s Jennie Award Winner –
 Roberta Dutton Morrill.

Barbette Schafer
 Jennie Award Chairperson



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Artist's Rendition of Maine's State Presidents 1992-2016
 From Left to Right (First Row): Suzanne Snapp, Libby Wiers, Kay Warren,
 Davida Barter, Gloria Tewhey (Middle Row): Jane Shaw, Gloria Leveillee,
 Sally Manchester, Kathy White (Top Row): Marjorie Goodwin, Anne Cress,
 Suzanne Raymond

Pine Tree Notes
Next Deadline

January 4, 2014

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